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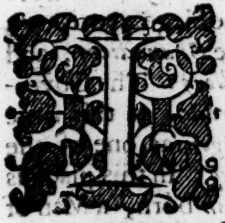

Have received yours, dated at *London* the 24th of *August* old stile; in which you desire an account of the present Action at *Mastricht*, and also of what hath past since the time of His *Highness* the *Prince of Orange* his laying siege to that place. Your Commands therein I am very ready to comply with, though not so well able to undertake such a Task as are others here of your acquaintance, who have better information than I have: Besides I know I shall run the hazard of being censured by some, who are not only ungrateful, but maliciously unjust in their reports of the *Actions* of our *Nation*, endeavouring to rob them of that honour they so dearly bought; yet daily such

such as those are I value not, being assured that His *Highness* the *Prince of Orange*, , and others who have been Eye-witnesses of their *brave Actions*, will rather confirm and countenance the truths I shall speak of them, than depress them: I will therefore give *Your Honour* such a brief account as hath been writ me by several Persons of Worth, some of them sealing the truth thereof with their blouds, many of them being since dead of their wounds.

I will not give *your Honour* the trouble of describing the City of *Mastricht*, and the Fortifications thereof, because that alone might fill up this sheet, and many more: I shall only name the 7 detached *Bastions* which are the outworks of the Town; the first is *Le Roy*, then *La Reine*, *Le Dolphin*, *Monmouth*, *Condé*, *Turin*, and *Crequi*: They of this Garrison of *Mastricht* were reported to be at the beginning of the Siege 4500 *Foot*, 2000 *Horse*, 500 *Dragooners*, beside *Granadiers*, and others belonging to the Train of *Artillery*: The Governour of *Mastricht* is *Marshal Le Estrade*, at this time employed at the Congress in *Nimwegen* as one of the *Plenipotentaries* froom the *French King*; In this place is now Governour *Don Calvo* a *Catalonian* born, a Man of great Valour and as grand Experiences, as doth appear by his brave defence of the Place.

On the latter end of *June*, His *Highness* the *Prince of Orange*, with several detached Regiments out of the Army in *Flanders*, with other Regiments out of the *Bois*, *Bergen op Zoom*, and other Garrisons, marched for *Mastricht*, where they met with a *Camp volant* under the Conduct of the *Prince of Ossenburch*, amongst

which

which were some Troops from the *Duke of Brandenburgh* and other *Allies*, all which forces, being modestly counted, were 24000 or 26000 Men.

Upon the first of *July* His *Highness the Prince of Orange* having held a grand *Council of War*, set down before *Maestricht*: Where he gave out Orders for making the Lines of Circumvallation and Communication about the Town, at the same time posting every Regiment, and Battalion where they should encamp; the next thing done was His *Highnesses* proclaiming the *States* Order or *Placate* for a free Leaguer, that is, that neither Buyer nor Seller, was to pay any Tax or Excise; this caused Provisions to be very cheap, and great plenty of all things needfull for the Leaguer. The next day following came to the Leaguer many thousand *Boors* from all parts to work in the *Trenches*.

This Day the three *English Collonels*, Collonel *Fenwick*, Collonel *Widdrington*, and Collonel *Astley* made a Request unto His *Highness the Prince of Orange*, therein desiring that the *English* might be encamped together, and that they might be commanded on service alone; that, in case they did well, they might have the Honour due to them, and on the contrary, if ill, that then they might bear their shame; but they were not willing to bear the faults of others; this Request of theirs was granted by His *Highness*, with all imaginable Kindness, and as an Honour and Esteem His *Highness* had for the *Nation*, they were posted next His *Highnesses* own *Guards* on the *Boss-port-side*, giving the chief command of the *English* unto the Valiant Collonel *Fenwick*, as being eldest Collonel: The three *English* Regiments were reckoned to be

be 2500 Men on their March to *Maſtricht*, beſide 150 or thereabouts which came to the Regiments from the *Boſs* and other Places, ſo that the three Regiments were effective Men 2600, beſide ſome Volunteers, and Reformed Officers. Now were all hands at work in making the Lines of Circumvallation and Communication; The *Garriſon* at the ſame time was not idle, who fell out in Parties, defending their people who were grazing their Cattel under the works of the Town: Here began the ſport between the *Garriſon* and the *Leaguer*; for both ſides ſent out their Skirmiſhers a pickering; the next day His *Highneſs* planted ſome Field-pieces, which played upon thoſe that were grazing their Cattel under the works; at the ſame time the Enemies in the Town plaid their Cannon on the Skirmiſhers from the *Princes* Leaguer, ſo that it reſembled a ſmall Battel, for that there were *Foot* and *Horſe* from both Parties fighting, and the Cannon Playing on each other at the ſame time: In this days Action *Major Archer*, *Major* to *Collonel Pennick*, a Man of great knowledge in Fortification and of a clear Courage pickeering againſt the Enemy, boldly adventuring to view the Works of the Town, and to diſcover the Enemies poſture, was ſhot through and through the body with a brace of bullets, yet brought off with him a *French-Man* priſoner, ſome ſay, two *French-Men*; The next day the *French* begun to be quiet, having loſt in this days Action ſeveral Men, and being much gall'd by the Field-pieces; ſo that they came out no more with their Cattel to graze, but kept cloſe in their works, and for two days were very ſtill, ſhooting their Cannon very ſeldom on the *Princes Leaguer*.

And

And here I am to let you know of a great misfortune which hindred the *Prince of Orange* in his deſigns againſt the Town, occaſioned by the want of Water in the River *Maſe*, for all the great Cannon that were to be battering Cannon againſt the Town, and the greateſt part of the Train of Artillerie were all ſtopt upon the River for many days for want of Water to carry up the ſhips or boats; this gave the *French* occaſion to make a Ball in the Town for the Ladies, and to ſay that the *States* Cannon were in the Lumber. On the 17th, day of this Moneth the Guns and Train of Artillerie arrived at the Leaguer, and the ſame day *his Highneſs* ordered 4. Batteries to be made, one of 14 Guns, and one of 8, one 6, and one of 4. The next day being the 18*th*. *his Highneſs* commanded the opening of the Trenches, that is, to break ground for the making of an approach to the Enemies Works; and the Honour of this was given to the *Rhine-Grave*, who took with him Captain *Lee*, Captain *Macullicot* and other *Engliſh* Volunteers, and with the *Princes Guards*, began to break ground: the *Engliſh* Regiments ſuccouring the Guards, who made ſo bold, and ſo proſperous advance, that they lodged themſelves that night ſo near the *Dolphin-Baſtion*, that the ſmall ſhott from the *Enemies* works kill'd many of the *Engliſh*, and the great ſhot feell in the *Engliſh Quarter*, ſo faſt, that that night Captain *Sabin* ſleeping in *Major Downings* Tent, had his head beaten off with a Cannon-bullet; and a Sutlers Wife, drawing beer,

had both her legs ſhot off; and becauſe one of the Cannon bullets came into Collonel *Fenwick's* Kitchin where his *French* Cook was dreſſing ſupper, the *Monſieur* preſently left his Cookery, and haſtned to the *Hague*, declaring that his bargain was with Collonel *Fenwick*, not to come near the Cannon-ſhot.

At this time his *Highneſs the Prince of Orange* behaved himſelf to a Miracle, adventuring himſelf in places of the greateſt dangers; and, as a mark of Honour, that night received a ſhot, which pierced his cloaths on the Arm, but entred not his skin; and at this time the Valiant *Rhine-Grave* received alſo a wound.

On the 29*th*. it was reſolved, that the *Engliſh* ſhould have the honour to attaque the *Dolphin-Baſtion*, and thereupon his *Highneſs* came to the *Engliſh*, and encouraged them, giving to each Company an Ox and two Sheep.

And here I ſhould ſay ſomething as to the Gallantry and Courage of our *Nation*: but, becauſe I am an *Engliſh-man*, I ſhall forbear; and only relate the matter of fact, as it was performed upon their going on to do ſervice: All things being prepared, and the *Engliſh* drawn out, The firſt that adventured on the Baſtion were two Serjants named *Powel* and *Pinder*, two bold *Britains*; Theſe two with their Halbards at the head of the ſnap hanſes fought hand to hand with the *French* upon the mounting of the *Baſtion*; at laſt the *Engliſh* puſht ſo hard, that the *French* ran, and the *Engliſh* were poſſeſſed of the *Baſtion*.

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n great diſorder marching out, not well underſtanding the reaſon of the *Dutch's* coming to relieve them, and not *Engliſh*, as was expected: and to contribute to this misfortune, at this very time there hapned fire to be in the powder of one of the *Prince of Orange's* batteries not far from this Baſtion, which gave a terrible blow, in which were burnt and blown up 70 or 80 people, which accident ſtruck a Panick fear in Some, that that was a Mine that ſprung by the *French*, and that the next would be a Mine where they were: this made them retreat in diſorder, leaving the Baſtion in poſſeſſion of the French.

The next day the Princes Guards, with other Regiments, were commanded to attack this Baſtion, who received ſuch a repulſe that they loſt their labour; and three Captains of the Guards, and ſeveral other Officers.

At this time the nights were dark, and therefore the Governor of *Maeſtricht* cauſed Lamps of pitch and tar to be hung round the Walls and *Palliſadoes* of the Town, that thereby they might diſcover the Enemy if they drew near the Works, ſhooting all the whole night their great Guns, and ſhowring ſmall ſhott out of the *Counterſcharp*; ſo that many of the Princes Leaguer were every night ſhot by Chain-ſhot; and theſe were anſwered by the Prince's Batteries, which were many; who continued ſhooting day and night, only giving time for the cooling their Guns. The next day, being the fourth of *Auguſt*, the *Engliſh* were orderd to attack the *Baſtion* retaken by the *French*, as you have heard

heard: A Copy of which diſpoſition for the attack thereof, I here recite word for word, as near as I can tranſlate it, from the Prince's Orders.

The Diſpoſition for the Attack to be made the Fourth Day of Auguſt (*being* Tueſday) *in the Afternoon, at Five of the Clock preciſely, upon the* Baſtion *called the* Dolphin.

Col. *Fenwick*
Col. *Aſtley* } The three *Engliſh Colonels*,
Col. *Dolman*

(The Noble Colonel *Widdrington* having been killed the night before in advancing the Approaches to the *Dolphin-Baſtion*; in whoſe command the *Prince* had put Colonel *Dolman*, Son of the late well-known Colonel *Dolman*.)

Theſe muſt furniſh for the foreſaid Attack, as followeth,

Firſt, two Serjeants with ten Snaphanſes, to be followed at the ſame time by twelve Granadeers commanded by one Serjeant.

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Theſe twenty four Granadeers to be commanded by a fit Officer choſen out of the three Regiments.

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Theſe are to be followed by one Captain, with one Lieutenant, one Enſign, two Serjeants, and fifty Snaphanſes.

Theſe to be followed by one Serjeant, and twelve men with half-pikes.

Theſe ſhall be followed with one Captain, a Lieutenant, an Enſign and Serjeant, with twenty eight men with ſpades and ſhovels: and theſe twenty eight men are to be drawn out of thoſe men choſen out of the three Regiments for the work in the Approaches.

Then fifty ſix men to be choſen out of the three Regiments commanded by a careful Officer, and two Serjeants, whoſe employment ſhall be to bring to thoſe detacked all ſuch things as they ſhall ſtand in need of: In caſe theſe take ſucceſs, they are to make Lodgments in the middle of the face within the *Baſtion*, or otherwiſe, between the ſap and the *Baſtion*, having communication one with another: There muſt alſo be care taken to diſcover the Mines, and the doors of communication; thoſe once found, they muſt immediately be barrikado'd, and there place ſome horſe out of the Frieſe Regiment, that ſhall attend this ſervice. All this is to be done preciſely at three a Clock in the afternoon, and they to ſtand ready in their Quarters before the front of the three Engliſh Regiments, and then to receive further Order.

This Attack of the *Engliſh* is to be done at the right hand of the Approaches, where Colonel *Avergne* is now with three Regiments. 2. In

2. In caſe the Engliſh be beaten out, then another diſpoſition is to be done by the Guards of the Prince in the ſame manner.

3. And if that fail, then a third by Colonel *l'Avergne* with his three Regiments.

4. And if that fail, then a fourth by Colonel *Caſſiopyns*, with the Regiment of the *Rinegrave*, *Caſſiopyns*, and *Tamminge*.

The *Engliſh* are to have a *Major*, or ſome fit Officer to command in chief this Attack, and ſo for the other Attack, if the *Engliſh* be beaten off: The *Engliſh* are to ſtand ready with this Detachment until the Chief Officer that is to command them, ſhew them where they muſt march out of the Trenches.

Theſe Detachments being made, Captain *Barnwell*, Eldeſt Captain to Colonel *Fenwicks* Regiment, who commanded them as Major, in the place of Major *Archer* (who before was ſhot through and through with a brace of Bullets) had the Honour to command in chief this Diſpoſition.

And here I cannot omit ſaying ſomewhat of this brave Captain *Barnwell*, who without doubt behaved himſelf to a Miracle, who marched out on the head of his men with a white Feather in his Hat, encouraging his men, and telling them, that they were to remember they were *Engliſh* men, and that their Enemies were *French*, who never yet could make *Engliſh* men run; and then with a ſhout, *Fall on brave Boys*, he mounted the Baſtion, where they fought hand to hand, at the head

head of the Trenches; within a little half quarter of an hour, the *French* gave way, Captain *Barnwell* ran up to the Officer that commanded the *Switsers*, crying out to his men, *they run, they run*, and then bravely kill'd the *Swits*-Officer; at the same time Captain *Barnwell* received several shots, besides other wounds, of which he dyed, sealing this victory and possession of the Bastion with his Life: Thus being possest of the Bastion, the next *English* Officer that was commanded on the Bastion was Captain *Phil. Savage*, a man of known courage, who marched in with his men without much trouble, and being there some time, he got the Ingeniers Servant to help him to find the Mine or Mines of this Bastion; the which Captain *Savage* found, and there with a Lanthorn and an *Ingenier*, he went round the whole Bastion, but could not find any door of Communication from the Town, therefore they thought themselves safe: in the mean time the *English*, having set their Centuries, began to remove the dead bodies, which lay Fifty thick in the Bastion, that they could not walk, or stir up and down therein. Whilst the *English* were busie about this work, the *French* took their opportunity of seeing one of the Centuries either asleep or off from his post; and thereupon they first sprang a Mine, and then entred the *Bastion*, armed with Back, Breast, and Head-pieces, and Scythes in their hands, crying *tue, tue*; then Captain *Stone*, Captain *Widdrington*, Captain *Crapne*, Captain *Middleton*, and Captain *Hales*,

Hales, Captains in the *Scotch* Regiment under Collonel *Collier*, with two other Captains of Collonel *Kilpatricks* Regiment of *Scots*, coming in to the aſſiſtance of the *Engliſh* in the Baſtion, were all blown up, and wounded, the *French* then ſpringing a great Mine in the middle of the Baſtion, which was terrible to ſee and hear; for the whole Baſtion ſeemed to be one flame; A very dreadful ſight and noiſe! when the bodies and pieces of men fell down into the Baſtion, ſome without heads, ſome without legs and arms, others their fleſh burnt on their legs and other parts. At this time was killed Captain *Crane*, and Captain *Stone* ſhot in the breaſt, and out at the ſhoulder, and his leg broke with a plank of wood; Captain *Savage*, Captain *Widderington*, Captain *Hales*, and others ſticking in the ground in ſeveral poſtures, ſome buried in earth up to the middle, others to the ſhoulders, all wounded and burnt, yet alive.

At this time the *French*, got the poſſeſſion of the Baſtion, for a ſmall time cutting and killing the *Engliſh* they found alive; whereupon Captain *Savage* ſpeaking *French*, called out to an Officer, and paſſed a Complement on the *Monſieur*, that they were the brave *French*, and therefore would not kill them after they had demanded Quarter, telling the *French* Officer, that He and the Others there were Capt. and therefore prayed a Safe-guard from being kill'd by the *French* Souldiers; to which the Officer replied, that he would take care of them preſently; ſo ſent a Serjeant

with a Century or two to preſerve them from being kill'd outright; but firſt they pull'd of their Corſlets, and took off their Rings, and what they could come at that was not in the earth buried; but this ſafety laſted but a ſmall time; for ſo ſoon as the *French* ſaw freſh Forces coming out of the Approaches to relieve the Baſtion, they (the *French*) fell a cutting the Priſoners again, and crying out, *tue, tue, tout*; but the relief came on ſo faſt out of the Approaches, that the *French* quitted the Baſtion: Now, the Baſtion being again poſſeſſed, the Ingeniers and Pioniers having placed their baskets, and thrown up ſome earth to hide them from the Guns of the Town, which before laid ſo open, that on the walls of the Counterſcherp they might look into the Baſtion, and fire into it as they pleaſed; Now, I ſay, was it time to dig out the Captains and others which were alive; though ſome of them died immediately, when they were ſtirr'd: But Captain *Savage*, who had eleven wounds, Captain *Stone*, Captain *Widdrington*, Captain *Hales*, and Captain *Middleton*, though very much burnt and wounded, are alive, and in a fair way of being fit for ſervice within a little time: But Captain *Crane*, and three *Scotch* Officers, with five *Dutch* Officers, are dead of their wounds.

And here give me leave to ſay ſomething of the gallantry and bravery of a *Frenchman*; who, though an enemy, yet ought to have the honour he merits as his due; which was this, namely, according to the very words written me by a ſober and

and valiant *Engliſh* Officer, who was in this Action, That, *he ſhall never forget how he ſaw a Captain of the* French *jump through the flames to get into the Baſtion; which Officer he found afterwards dead juſt without the breach, as he conceived, ſtifled with the flame; for it was there where the fire was ſo violently flaming out of the Mine.*

Thus the Baſtion was recovered, though with great difficulty, and loſs of many men, much occaſioned by the neglect of ſome who promiſed that the Sally-port of the Baſtion ſhould be broken down, that the *Engliſh* might retreat into the Approaches upon all occaſions, and alſo relieve the Baſtion without expoſing themſelves under the enemies Guns, by going round about, or elſe climbing over the Works; which cauſed great complaint.

The next day the *Engliſh* being at their quarters, the three *Engliſh* Colonels ordered great care to be taken for the ſick and wounded; and then took a view of what number of men they had able to be commanded on duty, the which appeared to be but three hundred in each Regiment: yet the *Engliſh* relieved the Approaches conſtantly every time it came to their turns, not being abſent from Action when occaſion required: beſides, that ſeveral of the *Engliſh* Voluntiers went conſtantly on ſervice with the *Rhinegrave*, as did Captain *Lee*, and Captain *Mackullicott*, the one of them being kill'd, and the other deſperately wounded in company and ſervice with the *Rhinegrave*: the

former whereof, *viz.* Captain *Lee*, behaved himſelf to that degree, that had he lived he would have had great preferment in the ſervice of the States. Now, becauſe I have named the brave Actions of ſome of the Officers of our Nation, you may expect I ſhould ſpeak ſomething of every one of them kill'd and wounded; but truly that is a thing impoſſible to do in this Letter; that being Subject enough for a larger Diſcourſe, and to fill a Volume: Beſides, that my Letters from them in the Leaguer give me ordinarily but an account of ſuch a Captain or ſuch an Officer kill'd and wounded; a Liſt whereof I ſhall ſet down at the end of this Letter, which will appear to be a prodigious number out of ſuch an handful of *Engliſh*, and two *Scottiſh* Regiments.

And now, ſith all Gazets and Courants are full of the brave Actions of *His Highneſs* the *Prince* of *Orange*, the *Rhynegrave*, Lord of *Owerkerk*, Grave *Solms*, and others; give me leave to ſay ſomewhat of them, which yet will fall very ſhort of what they merit from the beſt of Pens: As to *His Highneſs*, he hath ſo behaved himſelf, like a Prince of his Quality and Command, that he hath out-done a wonder, ventured and laboured ſo in the Batteries and Approaches, and hath been ſo many nights on horſeback till the next day following at nine a Clock, that many wondred how *His Highneſs* could endure ſuch a fatigue. And the *Rhinegrave* doth not deſerve leſs praiſe, who hath received to this day five wounds, and each at ſeveral times; and *Grave Solms*, and the *Heer Owerkerk*

kerk have done very well, the latter of which did a brave and unparallel'd action at the head of a Party of the Life-Guard, that he commanded out againſt the French Horſe that over-powred a party of the Prince's Leaguer, which the *French* ſallied out upon: And I ought not to forget Valiant Colonel *Colliers*, who as Adjutant-General, and alſo Colonel of a *Scotch* Regiment, hath done very bravely in every place where he commanded.

And now I have besn ſpeaking of the *Dutch*, I muſt alſo ſay ſomething of the Forces Quartered on the other ſide of the *Maſe* on the *Wyck* ſide, under the Command of the wiſe and valiant *Prince of Oſenbrough*, who finding that the *French* made little ſallies out on that ſide of the Town, deviſed how he might engage the *French* to to ſally out; his *Highneſs* therefore ordered the making of a falſe work before the *Wyck*, as if it were deſigned to lodge ſome foot there, and at the ſame time ordered a party of Horſe and Foot to lie in Ambuſcado; the *French* perceiving that the *Dutch* were making this work, reſolved to ſally out with a party, and to fall on the *Dutch* that were making this work, which they did that night following, beating the *Dutch* out of the Work; the *Dutch* ſeemed to run away from the *French*, but ſo ſoon as the *French* were in the Work, the party that lay in the Ambuſh, appeared and got between the work and the Town, fell upon the *French*, and of 300 Foot and 50 Horſe there did not get 30 into *Maſtricht*.

This night the *Grave of Horn* made a brave and bold attempt on the Enemies Counterſcarp; ſo did

the *Rhine-Grave* the ſame, and that night poſſeſſed themſelves in three places upon the Counterſcarp: here the *Rhine-Grave* received his deadly wound, which diſabled him to mount the Approaches any more.

The next thing undertaken was the attacking of the *Horn-work*, that lay at the end of the *Rhine-Graves* Approach, but by misfortune that happened in ſpringing of one of our Mines, that Attach failed; beſide, that night the *French* bent all their force of the Town on that ſide where that *Horn-work* lay; yet the *Dutch* bravely adventured, and went to the Palliſadoes that night, killing above 400 *Switſers*, beſide *French*: upon which as ſome the next day reported in the *Princes* Leaguer, the Governor *Don Calvo* removed moſt of his baggage and much of his ſtores into the *Wyck*, which lies on the other ſide the *Maſe*, reſolving to flie thither if he could not keep *Maſtricht*; and that he had cauſed falſe works to be made in ſeveral places of the Town, where he thought the *Dutch* might attempt to ſtorm, and alſo had made a falſe way where the *Dutch* had battered the Wall, in which ſaid Works he had made ſeveral devices of Fire-works with Granadoes, Stinkpots, and other devices to ſet on fire, if the *Dutch* attempted a ſtorm and that he had two days before publiſhed a Placart, that if any one of the *Burgers*, or any elſe whoſoever ſhould ſpeak of rendering the Town they ſhould immediately be broke on the Wheel, and that the Women ſhould be put into a Church together in the middle of the Town! and that he had made ſeveral half Moons, and other works in the

the Town; and that he made ſeveral half Moons and other Works in the Town; and that he gave a piſtola head to every one that plaid the Granadoes when they ſallyed out, and to every one that went out upon parties thirty ſtyvers in ſilver.

At this time was taken a Spy, who came out of the Town, pretending to deſert it, which Spy had in his pocket two Musket-bullets, in which were two Letter in Characters, one to the Governour of *Limburgh*, and the other to the Governour of *Charle-Roy*, the ſubſtance of which Letters, was, that if relief did not come in few days he could not hold the Place, for he had loſt many men, and thoſe left were ſo fatigated that he could ſcarce get the Men on Duty.

The next day there came ſome *French* Officers with *Orange* ſcarfs about their middle, who by that means paſſed the Leaguer, and being near the Town threw away their ſcarfs, and flouriſhed their white hankerchiefs; which were the men that brought them the good news of relief.

The *Rhine-Grave* being thus diſabled by his laſt Wound to do any longer duty, the charge and command of the *Rhine-Graves* Poſt and Approaches was given to *Lovignie*: this misfortune of the *Rine-Grave* gave the *Prince of Orange* great trouble, for his *Highneſs* impoſed much truſt on the *Rine-Grave*: therefore his *Highneſs* now was on ſtrict watch, night and day adventuring his perſon in the Trenches, in all capacities, and did ſometimes that which a private Soldier

dier did; and it is a great Providence he eſcaped, for many have been killed and wounded by his ſide; and as I have ſaid before, He hath been on Horſeback from Five in the afternoon until Nine the next day, ſeveral times contenting himſelf a with piece of Bread and Cheeſe in his hand on Horſeback: I ſhall ſay no more of him, leaſt you ſhould think I flatter him. I ſhall now tell you, that at this time came news, that *Monſieur Scombergh*, *Monſieur de Humieres*, and *Crequi* were on a march for the relieving of *Maſtricht*; this cauſed *His Highneſs* the *Prince of Orange*, to make a ſmall journey to *Grave Waldeck*, who lay then about Ten hours from *Maſtricht*, thereby to adviſe what was fit to be done at this juncture of time; it was then reſolved to detach out of the *Princes* Leaguer all the Horſe that could be ſpared, to re-enforce the Army under the command of *Grave Waldeck*: At this time the *Spaniard*, who is always grave in all he takes in hand, marched his pace up towards *Maſtricht*; not at all doubting, but that he ſhould ſo advantagiouſly poſt himſelf, that the *French* ſhould not at all be able to force a paſſage into *Maſtricht*.

And here I am to tell you, that his *Highneſs the Prince of Orange* met with a grand diſappointed from the *Biſhop of Munſter* and ſome other Allies, who promiſed (and upon good grounds they had ſo to do) that they would furniſh in the Leaguer at *Maſtricht* a very conſiderable Body of Foot, beſides Horſe; which had they

they been there, according to promiſe, for ought I know, *Maſtricht* had been now in the hands of the *States*. Now was the Prince buſy in puting himſelf in a poſture to receive the *French*; the Town at the ſame time, making ſeveral ſallies, though did little hurt. On the 26th. of this month being *St. Lewis day*, the *French* in the Town fired the whole day, much more then ever before, both for joy of the relief they were aſſured off, as alſo for the honour of their *Patron St. Lewis*.

Now it is time to tell you what is become of our *Engliſh* Regiments, who at this day had not left, as duty-men, above Three hundred; all the reſt kill'd and wounded; yet this handful never miſt duty, when it came to their turn. Now grows the Alarm hot of the *French* approach; and *his Highneſs* therefore reſolves to put himſelf in poſture, of defence; and thereupon diſpatched Orders to march out the horſe to joyn with *Count Waldek*, and on the twenty ſeventh day he gave out orders for drawing off the Cannons from off the Batteries and Works, with all ſuch of the Artillery belonging to the Siege; the which was moſt expeditiouſly done, and the ſame put into boats and ſecured: The next day being the twenty eighth, his *Highneſs* by adviſe of Councel thought good to raiſe the Siege, and to make all the force he could in order to give battel to the *French*, if thy did not decline it; as the *French* have done all this year in *Flanders*: by this time the

Alarm grew hot in the *Princes* Leaguer, that the *French were come*, that the *French were come*: *this* cauſed ſome little confuſion amongſt ſome Troops then on the Advance-guard of the Town, who in deſpite of their Officers, would not ſtay for the neceſſary Orders, but ran out of the Works. At this time the *Oſſenburghs* and *Lunenburghs* forces, which lay on the other ſide the *Maſe*, not judging themſelves ſtrong enough to oppoſe or ſtand the ſhock of the *French*, marched all over the *Maſe*, and joyned themſelves to the *Princes* Leaguer: At this very time the *Engliſh* had the honour of being on the Rear-Guard in the Approaches, who ſtaid the very laſt of all the Leaguer, notwithſtanding they were diſcouraged by ſome not three pikes length from them, that ſhew'd a baſe Example; and they at the laſt marched out fighting their way through, and looſing men; for the *French* perceiving that ſome made more then ordinary haſte out of their Trenches, drew their great guns upon their Works, and fired like mad on our Men, and ſallyed out both horſe and foot, poſſeſſing themſelves of the *Princes* works, burning add killing all they could meet with; and had not Collonel *Fenwick*, and Lieutenant Collonel *Salisbury* haſtned out of the houſe they lay in to be cured, as they did, the *French* had within one quarter of an hour taken them all priſoners. By this you ſee, that as the *Engliſh* had at the begin-

beginning of the Siege the honour to be on the advance-poſt of danger, ſo now at the laſt they had as much honour in marching the laſt of all out of the Approaches.

The Siege being now raiſed, and the *Prince* and his Forces being drawn up in Battalia, I have no more to ſay of the Siege: Only once again to mind you, that much of this is fallen out through the neglect of thoſe who deceived *his Highneſs the Prince of Orange* in not ſending their Troops to his *Highneſſes* Leaguer, as was agreed.

It remains, That I give you an account of what Officers were kill'd and wounded in this ſiege: which you will find in this following Liſt.

A List of the Officers kill'd and Wounded in the three *English* Regiments, and the *Scotsh* Regiment under *Adjutant-General* Collonel *Collier*.

Killed.

Col. *Widdrington* killed with a musket shot.
Col. *Dolman* killed with a four pounder.
Capt. *Barnwel* kill'd in the Dolphin-Bastion.
Capt. *Crane* kill'd in the Dolphin-Bastion.
Capt. *Cranalls* kill'd with a two pounder.
Capt. *Fryer* kill'd with a musket-shot.
Capt. *Lee* his ribs broken, and he shot in the thigh.
Capt. *Sabines* shot with a Cannon-ball asleep in Major *Downings* Tent.
Capt. *Douglas* kill'd with a shot.

Wounded.

Col. *Fenwick* shot with a Musket-bullet on the cheek-bone in the Approaches.
Major *Archer* shot through and through with a brace

brace of balls.
Capt. *Macullicot* dangerously shot.
Lt. Col. *Magdugle* wounded.
Cap. *Savage* wounded with eleven wounds in the Dolphin Bastion.
Capt. *Stone*
Capt. *Widdrington* } Each wounded and blown up
Capt. *Middleton* } in the Dolphin-Bastion.
Capt. *Hales*
Capt. *Taylor* deadly wounded.
Cap. *Sulivan* Cap. of the *English* Granadeers dangerously wounded.
Capt. *Wisdom*, Capt. *Lilliston*, } likewise
Capt. *Babington*, Capt. *Mackiney*, } wounded.
Capt. *Smith*. Capt. *Collier*, Capt. *Walcop* }

Lieutenants kill'd.

Lt. *Loyd*. Lt. *Clynton*. Lt. *Cunningham*.
Lt. *Netherwide*. Lt. *Roberts*. Lt. *Butler*.
Three Lieutenants more whose Names I have not.

Lieutenants wounded.

Lt. *Macullicuddy*, Lt. *Bellasis*.
Lt. *Giles*, Lt. *Coney*.
Five more wounded, of whose Names I have yet no account.

Enſigns killed.

Enſign *Neal.* Enſ. *Clark.* Enſ. *Fiſher.*
Enſ. *Struel.*
Three more of whoſes names I am uncertain.

Enſigns Wounded

Enſign *Ferrar.* Enſ. *Anſtim.* Enſ. *Smith.*
And four Enſigns more, whoſe Names are not yet come to hand,

Beſides all theſe, There were twenty one Gentlemen Voluntiers kill'd; among whom was *Mr. Wiſeman*: Alſo two Kinſmen of Leutenant Collonel *Salisbury*, who behaved themſelves to a wonder. And whilſt I mention them, I cannot forget the Lieutenant *Collonel* himſelf, whoſe undainted valour and bravery of Spirit did here moſt eminently ſhow it ſelf, he ſhunning no dangers, but miraculouſly encountering and overcoming many perils in the Trenches, and in all the Approaches moſt faithfully ſeconding the truly Honourable Collonel *Fenwick*, whoſe undaunted courage and and prudent Conduct in this affair exceeded my praiſe.

Alſo Fifteen more Gentlemen *Voluntiers wounded*: among whom is Captain *Gerart Bary*, whoſe leg is ſhot off: and divers others are ſadly diſmembred.

Theſe are the Number and Names of the Officers

I find set down in my Letters: [illegible] in this Collection mist some, which I hope will be excused: The list is large enough already out of such a Number as those of Our Nation were at first upon this service.

There is One thing more that I must beg leave to observe to you as a piece of honour and Generosity in Our Countreymen, and that is concerning the four *Irish* Officers, who, notwithanding several misunderstandings to their prejudice, yet generously upon their own expence attended this service at *Mastricht*, where you find Captain *Patrick Lee* kill'd in the service, and Captain *Maccullicot* dangerously wounded: for which I quæstion not but that *his Highness* the *Prince of Orange* will reward those of them that shall be left alive, not only for their late service; but for their great sufferings: for certainly there is nothing more brings blessing on a Land and government, then the relieving the oppressed, and giving right judgement on the behalf of the Innocent against false accusations.

Thus have I faithfully given you an account of such passages and matters of fact as I have found written me in my several Letters touching this Siege of *Mastricht*. In this *Brief Narative* I have perhaps omitted the Relation of the brave Actions of some others of Our *English* and *Scotch* Officers; for Others indeed there were that ventured as far for marks of honour as those that are kill'd and wounded and it may be I have not enumerated all those who

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were kill'd and wounded; I am also sensible that I have not spoken enough in reference to the character which is due to Collonel *Fenwick*, for his Conduct in this affair, it requiring a stile above what my pen can reach: In all these I hope I shall be excused when it shall be consider'd, that I intended not this as a large History of all the passages there, but only to give some small part of satisfaction to your Honours desire, *viz.* such as a single Letter is capable off: The defect and brevity whereof I had yet thought to have made out by giving your Honour a more exact Account of the present State of Affairs in this Countrey; I give your Honour no futher trouble, only intreat your Candid interpretation of these lines from him, who subscribes himself,

Honoured Sir,

Hague, the fifth of *Sept.* 1676. S. N.

Your most humble and obedient Servant, W. C.

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Elenchi Motuum Nuperorum in *Anglia*, Pars 3.